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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008



The Greeting of Mary and Elizabeth: “And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1:41-42)

Fr. Panayiotis' Message

THE ANNUAL CHECKUP



I received a call from my physician's office, the other day, with the message that it was that time of the year for my annual checkup. It happens every year. We have a full set of blood work, chest examination and everything else. My doctor seems to be very thorough. I like that. He does not want to leave anything unchecked or neglected. He takes no chances. He wants me to be healthy and live a long and happy life. He asks me questions, advises me to exercise, eat properly and come back for anything that may be out of the ordinary.

Through God's Wisdom, the Fathers of the Church, as spiritual physicians, have also done the same for us. They have set up a special annual time for a spiritual checkup; they have put together a program of spiritual examination; they have assigned

special times for prayer and Confession. This period is called "Great Lent". It is the time to seriously consider our spiritual well-being. The medical physicians try to make sure that we have a healthy and happy life for those years that we live here on this earth. The Fathers of the Church are trying to ensure that we will have a healthy and happy life *for ever* in the Kingdom of God.

Great Lent is upon us once more! This is the call from the spiritual doctor's office! This is the time for the General Examination. Time for healing the soul, calming the passions, spiritual cleansing, building up immunity against the attacks of the evil one who "roaming like a lion" is waiting to devour those who are careless and spiritually lazy.

In the Wisdom that God has given them, the Fathers of the Church have set up special prayer services, like the Great Compline and the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts, so that we may have more opportunities to connect with our Creator. The Holy Spirit has breathed inspiration of beautiful spiritual poetry and music in the minds of the saints in an effort to touch our hearts and bring us closer to Him. Our services, during this time, are filled with calls to humility, repentance, forgiveness and contrition of heart. We are called to spiritual exercise through Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.

I immediately called back the doctor's office to make an appointment for my "Annual Physical" checkup. I want to have a healthy and happy life for the rest of my years on earth.

Please call the spiritual doctor's office right away and make your appointment for your "Annual Spiritual" checkup. You don't want to risk your health and happiness in eternity, do you?

In Christ's Love,

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 2008

March 1, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all the departed Orthodox Christians.

Ψυχοσάββατο: Μνήμη πάντων τῶν κεκοιμημένων Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

March 2, Sunday, Meat-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεω

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Last day before Great Lent when we eat meat. Τελευταία ἡμέρα κατάλυσης κρέατος.

During this week (including Wednesday and Friday) we may eat all things except meat.

March 8, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who shown in asceticism.

Ψυχοσάββατο: Μνήμη πάντων τῶν ἐν ἀσκήσει λαμπρῶν.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Evening: Great Vespers 5:30 pm

March 9, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Τυρινῆς (Τυροφάγου).

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. **Evening:** Vespers of Forgiveness, 6:00 pm

March 10, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Καθαρά Δευτέρα. Ἀρχὴ Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ

The Great Compline will be celebrated on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

March 12, First Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

March 14, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ**

March 15, Saturday. Divine Liturgy: Commem. of the miracle of St. Theodore with the Kolliva.

Μνήμη τοῦ διὰ κολλύβων θαύματος τοῦ Ἁγ. Θεοδώρου. **Ψυχοσάββατο.**

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. **Great Vespers** 5:30 pm

March 16, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the procession of the Holy Icons.

Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy 6:00 pm

March 19, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by the Oratorical Festival.

March 21, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Δεύτεροι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ.**

March 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:30 pm

March 23, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Ἁγίου Γρηγορίου Παλαμά.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

March 24, Monday, Evening: Great Vespers for Annunciation of the Theotokos, 6:00 pm

March 25, Tuesday, Annunciation of the Theotokos. Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

March 26, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

March 28, Friday, Evening: Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7μμ.**

March 29, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:30 pm

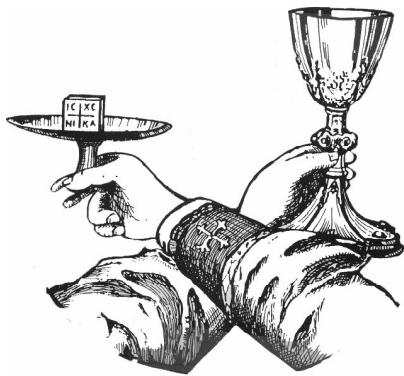
March 30, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

At the end of the Orthros we will have the procession of the Holy Cross.

A celebration of the 25th of March by the Hellenic Studies Ministry will follow.

Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church



WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, *"Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to You."* We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from Him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to Him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise.

As stewards of God's gifts, we return to Him a portion of our time, talents and treasures for Christ's work on earth through His Church.

The Christian Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating His ministry through the Church. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Let us offer then from the goods He has given us back to Him: *"Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to You."*

How much should I offer to the Church in order to support the work of God?

Proportionate giving involves two things. Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that giving out of thanks will involve sharing a portion of that income for God's work.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level to determine my Stewardship?" The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

The Old Testament laid down the standard of the tithe or 10% of one's income. This provides us with the principle that giving should be a proportion of our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for 2008.

We should consider what we spend on cable television, holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these compare with our giving for God's work?

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: *"Your own gifts, from Your own gifts, we offer to you?"*

Offer your Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

Participation in the Christian Stewardship Program allows each Greek Orthodox Steward to vote and to seek elective office in the administration of the parish as provided in the Archdiocesan and Parish By-laws.

Saint Gerasimos of Jordan

Memory Celebrated March 4

On this day we celebrate the memory of our venerable father **Gerasimos of Jordan**.

St. Gerasimos lived during the reign of king Constantine Pogonatos in 670, as Sophronios of Jerusalem, who wrote his life, attests. He had the fear of God since childhood and, after he became a monk, he went to the deepest parts of the desert of Thebais. He reached such a height of virtue and was graced with such intimacy with God, because he had preserved his image and likeness so pure, that he even had authority over wild beasts. A lion used to attend upon him and among other things this lion used to graze the donkey which fetched water to the saint. Once some merchants passed from that place with a caravan of camels. When they saw the donkey, they stole it. The lion was sleeping and did not feel a thing. So, in the evening he returned to the saint without having the donkey with him, as usual.

When the saint's servant saw the lion alone, he told the elder that the lion had eaten the donkey. So, the poor lion was condemned to carry the pitchers on his back and fetch water from the river instead of the donkey, for as long as the merchants kept it. However, the same merchants happened to pass from that place again with their caravan and they had the donkey with them. As soon as the lion saw the donkey, he recognised it and rushed at the merchants with a loud roar. The merchants got scared and run for their lives. The lion led the donkey to St. Gerasimos' cell along with the camels which were tied on it. Knocking with his tail on the door of the saint's cell, he acted as if to show that he was offering them to the elder as game.

When the saint saw this thing, he smiled a bit and said to his disciple: "We wrongly accused the innocent lion that he had eaten the donkey. So, now we have to liberate him from his labour and allow him to go and graze at his usual place." Then the lion bowed his head, as if he understood, and taking his leave from the saint he went to the wilderness. Once every week he used to come and bow before the saint. After the saint had died, the lion came, as his habit was, and asked to venerate him. However, when he did not find him, he seemed to be sad and angry. With many signs the saint's disciple helped him understand that the elder had died. The lion lamented the elder's death with a fine roar and seemed to be looking for the saint's grave. When the disciple led him to it, the lion fell on it and with a loud roar he breathed his last due to his extreme pain which he suffered from his love for the saint. This is how God glorifies those who glorify Him and makes wild beasts submit to those who keep His image and likeness pure



THE HOLY 40 MARTYRS OF SEBASTEIA

Memory Celebrated on MARCH 9

The martyrdom of the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia is a powerful lesson in Christian faith, perseverance, sacrifice, and friendship. The story of this martyrdom begins in the



early part of the 4th century when the persecution of Christians was still active. There were 40 soldiers of the Roman army who possessed sincere faith in Jesus Christ. When it was realized that they would not deny their belief in the Lord, they were brought to trial before their commander who threatened to have them discharged from the military dishonorably. One of the soldiers responded: ***"Do not take only our military status, but also our bodies; nothing is dearer or greater honor to us than Christ our God."*** Following a number of failed attempts to torture them, they were finally stripped, tied, and thrown into a lake. It happened to be wintertime and the temperature was extremely cold. To tempt the soldiers to deny Christ, the torturers lit fires near the lake to entice them to deny Christ. One soldier actually did come out of the water and headed for the fire, but before he could get there, he died. During the night, a light from heaven came down and heated the lake and warmed these Christian witnesses. At the same time, thirty-nine

crowns were sent from heaven and rested upon each of them. One of the soldiers torturing them saw this and, moved by this event, confessed the Christ as Lord and Savior and joined the others in the lake. A fortieth crown appeared and descended upon him at that very moment. In the morning, the commander was furious when he learned of the events and ordered that their legs be broken and they be thrown back into the lake. On the third day following their drowning, the martyrs appeared to the local bishop and told him to search beneath the water and recover their relics. In the middle of the night, the bishop, along with his priests, went to the lake where they found the relics glowing in the water and, gathering them together, they gave them a proper burial.

The process of our salvation is achieved by proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and by doing the will of God the Father. Our Christian Orthodox Stewardship is experienced in this manner; our actions must support our words of faith in Christ our Lord and Savior. This is what the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia understood and we, too, are called, not just as individuals, but as the entire assembly of believers, i.e. the Church, to give our ***Time, Talents and Treasure*** so that: ***"...we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God..."*** (Hebrews 12:1-2).

DAILY BIBLE READING-MARCH

3/1/2008	Gospel: Luke 21:8–9,25–27,33–36	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13–17	
3/2/2008	Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8–13;9:1–2	
3/3/2008	Gospel: Luke 19:29–40; 22:7–39	Epistle: St. John's Third Universal Letter 1:1–15	
3/4/2008	Gospel: Luke 22:39–42, 45–71; 23:1	Epistle: St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:1–10	
3/5/2008	Vespers OT 1: Joel 3:12–21	Vespers OT 2: Joel 2:12–26	
3/6/2008	Gospel: Luke 23:1–31, 33, 44–56	Epistle: St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:11–25	
3/7/2008	Vespers OT 1: Zechariah 8:7–17	Vespers OT 2: Zechariah 8:19–23	
3/8/2008	Gospel: Matthew 6:1–13	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22–26; 6:1–2	
3/9/2008	Gospel: Matthew 6:14–21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1–10	
3/10/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 1:1–20	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 1:1–13	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 1:1–20
3/11/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 1:19–2:3	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 1:14–23	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 1:20–33
3/12/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 2:3–11	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 1:24–2:3	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 2:1–22
3/13/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 2:11–21	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 2:4–19	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 3:1–18
3/14/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 3:1–14	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 2:20–3:20	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 3:19–34
3/15/2008	Gospel: Mark 2:23–28; 3:1–5	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1–10	
3/16/2008	Gospel: John 1:43–51	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24–26,32–40	
3/17/2008 3:34–4:22	Matins OT: Isaiah 4:2–5:7	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 3:21–4:7	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs
3/18/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 5:7–16	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 4:8–15	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 5:1–15
3/19/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 5:16–25	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 4:16–26	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 5:15–6:3
3/20/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 6:1–12	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 5:1–24	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 6:3–20
3/21/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 7:1–14	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 5:32–6:8	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 6:20–7:1
3/22/2008	Gospel: Mark 1:35–44	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:12–16	
3/23/2008	Gospel: Mark 2:1–12	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10–14; 2:1–3	
3/24/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 8:13–9:7	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 6:9–22	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 8:1–21
3/25/2008	Gospel: Luke 1:24–38	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11–18	
3/26/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 10:12–20	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 7:6–9	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 9:12–18
3/27/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 11:10–12:2	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 7:11–8:3	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 10:1–22
3/28/2008	Matins OT: Isaiah 13:2–13	Vespers OT 1: Genesis 8:4–21	Vespers OT 2: Proverbs 10:31–11:12
3/29/2008	Gospel: Mark 2:14–17	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32–38	
3/30/2008	Gospel: Mark 8:34–38; 9:1	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:1–6	

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0420.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sprouse
0422.01	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Starks
0426.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas
0627.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strakes
0558.01	Mrs. Constance Stratigos
0435.01	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Tassopoulos
0698.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu
0441.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thompson
0444.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tidwell
0445.01	Mrs. Helen J. Tiliacos
0446.04	Miss Irene Tiliacos
0446.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Tiliacos
0447.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller
0448.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tingas
0449.01	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Titus
0453.01	Mr. & Mrs. Athan Tsarouhas
0455.01	Mrs. Maria Tsifopoulos
0458.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Tucker
0460.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner
0461.01	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Tyra
0694.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos
0465.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Valagohar
0466.01	Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
0702.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas
0475.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Voulopos
0720.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Wilborn

PIN	Name
0484.01	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
0486.01	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young
0493.01	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski

215 Pledges received

Have you heard about this case? Great answer from the judge. "RIGHT ON!!"

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!'

The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah..yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!' The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate, his own atheists' holiday!'

The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---**April 1st!** Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fools Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday! Now have a good day and get out of my courtroom!!

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES FOR 2008/09



PIN	Name
0001.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Alberts
0040.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Biasetti
0043.01	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Botni
0055.01	Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Burke
0057.01	Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Bylos
0060.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Caras, Jr.
0060.03	Mr. Thanos Caras
0068.01	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cassimus
0070.01	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Catrakilis
0716.01	Ms. Maria J. Ceisel
0667.01	Mr. & Mrs. James E. Clement
0625.01	Donor - Non Member
0108.01	Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Dunkerly
0149.01	Dr. & Mrs. Larry Gess
0155.01	Miss Martha Gingles
0595.01	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Gormanos
0174.01	Mr. & Mrs. Christ Hondras
0656.01	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Isaac
0183.01	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jacobs
0211.01	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kiritsy
0216.01	Miss Constance Kolias
0232.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Koutouzis
0695.01	Mr. & Mrs. Van Kyrias
0240.01	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lilly
0241.01	Mr. & Mrs. David Linebaugh
0241.03	Miss Maria Linebaugh
0241.04	Miss Sophia Linebaugh
0245.01	Mr. & Mrs. Elton Longshore
0623.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Lopus
0250.01	Dr. & Mrs. Allen Macris
0251.01	Dr. & Mrs. Bobby Macris
0272.03	Miss Alexandra Matthews
0272.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Matthews
0278.01	Mr. & Mrs. Frank McAteer
0283.01	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Melissas
0289.01	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Miliades
0291.01	Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Miliades
0304.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Nakos
0309.01	Dr. & Mrs. Evans Nichols
0311.01	Mr. & Mrs. Marc Nichols
0324.01	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Orologas
0326.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Pallas
0327.01	Rev. & Mrs. George Pallas
0328.01	Mr. Tasi Pallas
0657.01	Rev. & Mrs. Panayiotis Papageorg
0347.01	Mr. Alex Paulson
0349.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paulson
0354.01	Mr. & Mrs. Arestedes Petaros
0386.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sarnir
0388.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Sarris
0396.04	Miss Anna Georgia Shoji
0396.01	Mr. & Mrs. Takanori Shoji

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0420.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sprouse
0426.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas
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Total Number of Pledges Received: 61

SAVOR THE COFFEE

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit the conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in their work and lives.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite, telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the alumni had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all of the nice looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it's normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.

What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...and then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee; your job, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life. The type of cup one has does not define, nor change the quality of Life a person lives. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

God makes the coffee, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Enjoy your coffee!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER YOUTH RALLY A SMASHING SUCCESS FOR MARIETTA/CUMMING

Over the Christmas break, 53 of our GOYAN's and 10 chaperones attended the Metropolis' annual Winter Youth Rally, held at the Marriott Century Center near the Cathedral and various sports venues in the area. The Marietta/Cumming communities have much to be proud of, as our kids participated and competed with all their hearts. And we do mean participate - we had four Bible Bowl teams, two girls volleyball teams, two girls basketball teams and three boys basketball teams. One of our Bible Bowl teams, named "The Mariettians", made it to the second round. Our senior boys basketball team went all the way to the finals, where they played a very exciting game against St. Nectaros from Charlotte, coming up short by only one point!

There were several awards given out at this event: **Ted Pappleacos** and **Liz Rogers** received the St. Basil awards for Marietta/Holy T, while **Eleni Davino** and **Alayna Dunkerly** were our nominees for the Chris Collins Scholarship. For the adults, **Kathy Shoji** was our nominee for the Dottie Gavalas award.

Many thank you's go out to all who made this event the success it was:

- ❖ **Father Panayiotis** –for the great sendoff message and the spiritual guidance!
- ❖ **Anne Willcocks** –for all you do that most of us don't even know about - beyond just the Winter Youth Rally!
- ❖ **Kathy Shoji** and **Lela Bridgers** – for all the work getting all of the pre-Rally legwork done – paperwork, phone calls, emails, room assignments, t-shirts, gym reservations.
- ❖ **Kathy Bylos** –for securing Daniel Middle School's gym for our sports practices, and for an excellent job preparing and coaching the Bible Bowl teams!
- ❖ **Irene Steffas** – for your work in the Bible Bowl preparations!
- ❖ Sports Coaches (**Steve Tingas, Marc Nichols, Tony Blasetti, Michael Paulson, Keath Paxten, Kristina Clark, Kevin Lilly, David Linebaugh, Cedric Dunkerly, Taka Shoji, Mari Shoji**) for your excellent coaching!
- ❖ Drivers (**Kevin Lilly, Michael Paulson, Kristina Clark, Tom Varlan** from Knoxville and **Koula Katsikis** from Wilmington and **TL and Diane Voelker** (after a 15 hour drive from Chicago!)) – for your sacrifice and timeliness!
- ❖ Chaperones (**Cedric Dunkerly, Steve Tingas, Annette Jacobs, Kathy Bylos, Tony Blasetti, Marc Nichols, Andy Melissas** and **David Linebaugh** for Marietta, **Suzi Pryles** and **Athena Catapano** for Cumming) for 4 days of your lives!
- ❖ **Suzie Pryles** and **Athena Catapano** – for spending much time and effort to make all of our driver/GOYAN assignments, so everyone got where they needed to be!
- ❖ **Julie Orologas, Michelle Cassimus** and **Fr. John Johns** (from Charleston) –for putting on another very organized and successful Winter Youth Rally!

Everyone involved, both GOYAN's and chaperones, as well as all the other volunteers, deserves a pat on the back for their attitudes and efforts – we have a great community! Thanks again to all who gave of themselves so that our kids could add yet another great Winter Youth Rally experience to their memory banks!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember Caryl Nielsen in
your prayers.



If you would like to learn how to
make prosforo using the Gifted Pan,
please contact Tina Vamvakias, at
770.479.1246.

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming **Festival Cooking and Baking Dates**. Please join us for as many dates as you can. We need lots of helping hands!

Thurs., Mar. 6	Kourabiethes	9AM-1PM
Tues., Mar. 18	Keftedes	4-10PM
Sat., Mar. 29	Melomacarona	9AM-2PM
Tues., Apr. 8	Melomacarona	9AM-1PM
Thurs., Apr. 10	Melomacarona	9AM-1PM
Tues., Apr. 15	Spanakopita	4-10PM
Wed., Apr. 16	Spanakopita	4-10PM
Sat., May 3	Galatouboureko	9AM-2PM
Tues., May 13	Melomacarona (dipping)	9AM-1PM
Tues., May 13	Pastitsio	4-10PM
Wed., May 14	Pastry Samplers/Trays	9AM-1PM
Wed., May 14	Pastitsio & Souvlaki	4-10PM
Thurs., May 15	Souvlaki	4-10PM



CATECHISM

OCMC Coin Box Program

Each year on Cheesefare Sunday, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) distributes mission coin boxes through Catechetical schools across the country. This is designated as Missions Sunday. The program shows students that they can become actively involved in missions from within their own community. This year the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) has proclaimed **March 9, 2008** as **Mission Sunday**.

- The Bible verse on the coin box is *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:19).
- We are called to do this at all ages, and one way for children to help is by placing spare change in their mission boxes during Great Lent.
- These boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday.
- Adults are always role models for children, and ideally, depositing coins should be accompanied with discussion and prayer.
- If there are any adults who would like a coin box, please contact conniekollias@yahoo.com.

Over \$57,000 was raised in 2007 by Orthodox students across the country for mission work across the world. This money was used to support the ministries of Orthodox missionaries, mission priests, and mission teams as they shared the Gospel around the world in 2007.

HELLENIC STUDIES



Hellenic Studies News

We would like to invite the community to our annual Hellenic Studies Fund raiser, Our Greek Independence Day Luncheon and our Special Greek Independence Day Program.

Date: **Sunday, March 30**

Time: **12:30pm (Immediately following church services)**

Ticket price: **Adults \$12.00 children \$ 6.00 (Children 10 and under)**

This year our students, ages 5 - 13 have outdone themselves. Our students and teachers have prepared poems, skits and songs. Our Hellenic Dance groups will perform, and we also have a very special guest speaker.

Tickets for this event will go on sale Sunday, March 9. A table will be set up in the PLC following church services Sunday, March 9, 16 and 30. **Please buy your tickets early.**

HELLENIC DANCE



Preparations for the festival have begun....

PRACTICE SCHEDULE ALL GROUPS!!!

ELEFThERIA (9th-12th) with Paulina Vastakis is **Sundays 2:00-4:00**

PHOENIX (6th-8th) with Ted Gormanos and Demetra Lilly is **Sundays at 1:00 to 2:30** following church

PETALOUEDES (4th & 5th) with Demetra Lilly is **Tuesdays at 6:15 to 7:00pm** following Greek School

ASTERIA (2nd & 3rd) with Andrew Miltiades is **Tuesdays at 4:45 – 5:30** before Greek School

PALAMAKIA (K& 1st) with Vicki Gekas is **Tuesdays at 5:00 – 5:30** before Greek School

MARCH

3 – Sun – Phoenix 1:00 and Eleftheria 2:00

5 – Tues – Palamakia 5:00, Asteria 4:45 and Petaloudes 6:15

..... 10 – Sun – Phoenix 1:00 and Eleftheria 2:00

12 – Tues – Palamakia 5:00, Asteria 4:45 and Petaloudes 6:15

17 – Sun – Phoenix 1:00 and Eleftheria 2:00

19 – Tues – Palamakia 5:00, Asteria 4:45 and Petaloudes 6:15

24 – Sun – Phoenix 1:00 and Eleftheria 2:00

26 – Tues – Palamakia 5:00, Asteria 4:45 and Petaloudes 6:15

APRIL

No Practice the Sunday of Spring Break (Cobb Co.)

No Practice Palm Sunday and Easter

HDF NEWS:

Marietta took THREE teams this year for the first time ever! We entered an Advanced Junior Division group, our PHOENIX dancers, our Senior Division group “ELEFThERIA” and for the first time we entered the Adult Division with our new group “METAMORFOSI”. All groups represented Marietta well on and off the dance floor with dignity, poise and professionalism. Many compliments were given. The PHOENIX Dancers won 2 awards: The Costume Award and the Singing Award – CONGRATULATIONS PHOENIX!

SPECIAL THANKS

With HDF now behind us, we would like to thank all the parents and dancers who supported our HDF groups this year. All your patience and love will not be forgotten. A special thank you to Ellen Linebaugh, who is our Costume Coordinator this year. She was in charge of dressing all of our groups and making sure they all looked put together and great.

Special thanks to the instructors of the THREE groups Marietta took this year: Karen Melissas with “METAMORFOSI” - Adults, Paulina Vastakis with “ELEFThERIA” - high schoolers and Ted Gormanos and Demetra Lilly with “PHOENIX” - middle schoolers. All your dedication, time and talents were greatly appreciated.

THANKS to all of our chaperones for giving your time to be a part of our HDF weekend!!!

TO ALL DANCERS AND INSTRUCTORS – KAI TOU XPONOU! On to Next year!

Mark Your Calendars for ELEFThERIA’s Upcoming Performances

March 9 - Asheville-Karpenisi Sister Cities Celebration, Asheville NC

May TBA – Peachtree City Greek Night

May 16, 17, 18 - MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL



Mark Your Calendars....
The 19th Annual....**Marietta Greek Festival**.....
May 16, 17 and 18, 2008

Meet the 2008 Marietta Greek Festival Board -

Maria Alberts – Chairperson
Athan Tsarouhas – On Site (Internal)
Danny Elias – On Site (External)
Mary Miltiades – Food
Lela Bridgers – Fund Raising
Cynthia Moorehead – Culture and Entertainment

March 9th – Festival Kick Off – After Church during Coffee Hour
and every Sunday thereafter to:

- **Buy Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards** – Makes great gifts!
\$8 for \$10 card and \$20 for \$25 card
These can be used at any church sponsored booth, including admission and can be partially used throughout the Festival until the value is used up.
- **Buy a Program Book Ad** or turn in your sold ad – Program Book ads are due by April 1st.
- **Sponsor a Booth** – Help offset our expenses by donating money towards items needed at our booths.
- **Buy T-Shirts** – Buy at a discount before the Festival.
- **Pick up Flyers** and **Free Admission** cards to distribute.
- **Volunteer** – Sign Up Sheets will be available. We need lots of help. We also welcome students who require community service hours – this event qualifies.

We need your help - Our biggest immediate need is for people to help sell ads in the program book. Please contact Linda Lopos llopos@bellsouth.net or 678.445.3556 for more information. Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards will be given out for each ad that you secure for the program book. You can use the gift cards for yourself or give them as gifts.

Upcoming Festival Board and Committee Meetings:

All Committees – Sunday, March 9th – Chapel
Board – Sunday, April 6th – Downstairs Classroom
All Committees – Sunday, May 4th – Chapel

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Maria Alberts at mariaalberts@comcast.net 404-966-6694. We look forward to your participation in our greatest Festival ever!

2007-2009 Philoptochos Board



President:	Frances Mavridis
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	Kate Lewis

Board Members:
Shirley Kiritsy
Niki Gess
Nikki Palamiotis/
Connie Stratigos
Athena Burke
Mary Smith

A special thank you to all who attended the Philoptochos Membership Luncheon and made their 2008 pledge to our Panagia Chapter. **Kate Lewis and Evelyn Bilson** did a great job co-chairing, and everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch prepared by the Philoptochos Board, lead by Mary Miltiades. We discussed the benevolent works of Philoptochos, and the opportunities to return to God a portion of time, talents and treasures with which He has blessed us. Marty Driscoll spoke about the many National & Metropolis programs we participate in and support.

A very successful fundraiser was held by the **Women for Women of Cobb** in January. This philanthropic group gives non-medical assistance to women in Cobb County who have been diagnosed with cancer. Philoptochos continues to support the work of this group as part of a Panagia Chapter 2008 Special Project. Joining Philoptochos in supporting the fundraiser was a silent auction donation of "Dinner for Six" from the **C & S Seafood Bar**, a restaurant owned and operated by parishioners, **Rick and Kristina Paxten Clark**. The restaurant is located at 3240 Cobb Parkway. Philoptochos THANKS Rick and Kristina for their support in this worthy project.

In February, our National obligations were the Cardiac Fund and St. Photios Shrine. Our Metropolis obligations were the Clergy Education Fund and raising funds to purchase a Mammography Machine for Orthodox women in Tbilisi, Georgia (Russia).

For those of you who are not presently members, please consider joining. For those of you who are members, we ask that you see Evelyn or Kate to renew your pledge.

On January 24th 2008, we served 74 homeless men, woman and children at MUST Ministries. Many thanks to the following people who helped cook and serve: **Julie Orologas, Kally Niarchos, Athena Burke, Tina Vamvakias, Rosemary Peppas, Annette Jacobs, Michelle Hanes, Tina Isaac and Greek Food To Go.**

Thursday, March 27, is our next **Soup Kitchen** at MUST Ministries at 11:30 am. Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 770.321.9948 if you can help serve, cook or would like to make a monetary donation.

We are in need of a laptop computer with Word and Excel for our bookstore. Please contact any Philoptochos board member or Father Panayiotis, if you have one to donate. It would be greatly appreciated!

Upcoming events:

Monday, March 10, Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, OCR.

Sunday, March 16, Sunday of Orthodoxy hosted by our Parish.

Thursday, March 27, Book Club, 7:00 pm, Miltiades Home

Saturday, March 29, Philoptochos Retreat in the PLC. All ladies are invited for a spiritual and enriching experience. Look for more details in the weekly bulletin.

There will be many spiritual and enriching opportunities to work with Philoptochos during the month of April as we prepare for Pascha. Volunteers and chairpersons are needed for the events below. Please visit the Philoptochos table for more information and sign ups.

Thursday, April 24; Egg dying . Xanthippe Marsico has gathered materials. (Need a chairperson)

Friday, April 25: Decorating the Kouvouklion, Chapel, 8:30 am.

Saturday, April 26; Resurrection Supper, PLC, 2:00am (Need cooks for soups, servers, ,etc.)



Your child is invited to participate in the **25th Anniversary of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** in the Parish Life Center.

When: Wednesday, **March 19th 2008, at 7:00 pm** after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. A light Lenten meal will be served, after which the children will present their speeches.

Who: Who is St. John Chrysostom?

St. John Chrysostom was one of the great Church Fathers and Patriarchs of the Orthodox Church. He was a powerful preacher who delivered eloquent sermons and who championed social justice and morality. He has been an inspiration to generations of Orthodox Christians. The Divine Liturgy we celebrate throughout most of the year is attributed to him. He is also known for his eloquent interpretation and deep understanding of the Bible.

Please **encourage** your child to participate.

The following people are available to help our children with their **speeches, choice of topic, resource materials and/or presentation skills**, as well as to answer any further questions which you may have:

Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou: 770.924.8080 fr.panayiotis@comcast.net

Elene Catrakilis : 678.560.1468 elenecat@yahoo.com

Kathy Bylos : 770.971.6607 kbylos@aol.com

Ann Zakreski : 770.329.7421 annza@comcast.net

David Linebaugh : 770.509.2517 davidlinebaugh@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS



You are Invited to
the
Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers
hosted by

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church,
3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, 30066

The Celebration is sponsored by the Clergy Brotherhood
of the Atlanta Orthodox Churches
on Sunday, March 16, 2008
Great Vespers Service at 6:00 pm

Lenten Reception will follow after Vespers

The Homily will be given by Fr. Gregorios Tatsis

We look forward to seeing you!

If you need directions please go to our Website at
<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/directions>
or contact the Parish office, holytrans@comcast.net , Tel. 770.924.8080

March 2008

- Sacraments
- Social Events/Retreats
- Divine Services
- Ministry Meetings
- Church Calendar
- US Holidays

February 2008							March 2008							April 2008						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mead-Fair Sunday 8:30 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:35 AM Catechism 12:30 PM General Assembly and 2 more...	6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 8:30 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:35 AM Catechism 12:30 PM General Assembly and 2 more...	Greek Food to Go 4:45 PM Inheric Dance 5:30 PM Inheric Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy	10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM CDTA Morning 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice	9:00 AM Festival Baking 10:00 AM Ministry & Me 7:00 PM Bible Study	10:30 AM Prime Timers Board Meeting 7:00 PM First Substitution to the Theotokos	Saturday of the Souls 8:45 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Festival Baking
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Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 PM Phoenix Dance and 2 more...	St. Patrick's Day 6:00 PM Great Compline	4:00 PM Festival Cooking 4:45 PM Inheric Dance	10:00 AM Ministry & Me 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinners/Orthodox Festival	6:00 PM Great Compline	7:00 PM Second Substitution to the Theotokos	8:45 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Festival Baking
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Third Sunday of Holy Cross 8:30 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:35 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Greek Independence and 2 more...	6:00 PM Great Compline	April Fools' Day 4:45 PM Inheric Dance 5:30 PM Inheric Studies	5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinners/Lecture/Discussion	6:00 PM Great Compline	10:30 AM Prime Timers Board Meeting	8:45 AM Orthodox 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Festival Baking

DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	OUTREACH	PROSFORO
Mar. 2	Lopos/S. Miltiades	Team I	E. Clement/C. Spouse	I. Steffas/M. Tingas
Mar. 9	Gormanos/Knuchel	Team II	T. Isaac	F. Tucker/L. & A. Tyra
Mar. 16	Paulson/Dudley	Team I	A. Burke/C. Kollias	N. Barke/T. Vamvakias
Mar. 23	Koutouzis/A. Miltiades	Team II	N. Gess/F. Tucker	T. Blalock/A. Burke
Mar. 30	Frangis/Gormanos	Team I	M. Alberts	M. Driscoll/F. Tucker

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